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- 1. The Czechoslovak Ministry of National Defense has assumed strict control, even in major state hospitals, of all tests with bacterial cultures that may be usable in germ warfare. Independent tests with many types of bacterial cultures require express permission from the Ministry. Control by the Ministry extends also to supplies of certain organic media which are used for cultivating bacteria.
- 2. The Czechoslovak Military Cartographic Institute has an order to make photographic maps of Yugoslavia, using films which were made in 1946-51 when the Czechoslovak Airlines (CSA), in violation of international air convention rules, engaged in extensive aerial photography on international flights. It is probably planned to have photographic maps made of all routes filmed after the Yugoslav project is completed.

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The training program for parachute troops has been remodelled. Henceforth 50X1-HUM it will consist of four months of Soviet type training Many former exercises, like the 300 kilometer roac50X1-HUM march training will be abolished. Despite the curtailed program, it is hoped to maintain a high standard through basic training in parachute subjects during the pre-military service training period and immediately after induction.

4. It is rumored that the Czechoslovak Army reorganization will result in the assignment of small parachute groups to major units of the Czechoslovak Armed Forces. After receiving specialized training, parachute troops will be organized in small units, with no divisions and probably very few regiments. The reason may be that in wartime parachute troops are expected to function mainly as infantry.

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5. Recent assignments to military training schools show that an increased number of wireless transmitter and radio operators are being training by Oper Czechoslovak Armed Forces, particularly in wireless transmitter schools conducted at Army division level.

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